



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



June 16, 2014

EPPI 2014: Information package #1

Dear participant,

This is the initial 2014 Emergency Preparedness and Planning Initiative (EPPI) exercise notification and is the first in a series of pre-exercise notifications. Each notification will have an attachment giving weather reports of the coming storm along with pertinent exercise information. These messages are part of our communications testing efforts so you should expect to receive messages though the Everbridge system, Listsrv and email systems concerning this year's exercise.

Emails will be sent out starting on the Monday June 16th to check exercise communication delivery options (emails/ ListSrv/Everbridge) thru Friday the 20th. These communications emails include pre-event planning injects and attachments that contain exercise information.

Overall Event Scenario:

A category one (1) hurricane hits the entire state. This will provide an opportunity to test command staff, supporting leaders, and staff in municipalities, private sector business, non-governmental organizations, and State agencies in successfully planning, coordinating, and synchronizing efforts during emergency response and recovery activities with an emphasis on Mass Care and individuals with functional needs. The Hurricane will arrive during the time of the full moon (June 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM) and is associated with high tides in Long Island Sound causing damage due to high winds, and flooding along shore line communities.

This event is preceded by a period of very wet weather causing rivers and streams to overrun their banks in the upland communities. Immediately following the storms departure a front bringing more rain and high temperatures and humidity arrives. Due to the time of the storm arrival foliage is in full bloom causing many trees to come down on power-lines, roads, and into rivers and streams causing blockages and flooding issues. Due to flooding, evacuations maybe considered in low-lying areas around the shore and near river communities and shelters opened up to handle evacuees.

The exercise will take into account: the pre –storm planning phase, the storm response phase and two (2) storm recovery phases (immediately after – 10 to 24 hours) and long term (5 days plus after).

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Our exercise scenario begins 10 days out from storm landfall with a potential storm forming southeast of Puerto Rico with predictions having the storm making landfall in the Mid-Atlantic States and in the New England area.

Now is a good time for your town Emergency Management Director (EMD) or their designee to test their ability to access and login into WebEOC to report future situation status, post Incident Action Plans (IAPs) following your local standard operating procedures.

Please see attached weather information where we begin with advisory #3 showing the current location and track of the storm

Good Luck and welcome to the 2014 EPPI.